Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(e). May I know the reason?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If the metal is not spread, it will be dissipated.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Was there any necessity to collect the metal now?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What was the necessity?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon—To make the road.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—You spread the metal and waste it. Was there any necessity to collect it *now*?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The metalling of road is one of the works connected with the making of roads and the question of bridges will be taken up shortly and further I may state that this work was taken up as one of the relief works and therefore metal collection is a most important thing to give work for the coolies.

Public jetties in Narakkal Constituency.

136. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(a) Are the Government aware that the line boats are the chief means of communication for the people living in the Narakkal Constituency;

(b) what is the length of the Constituency north to south;

(c) is there any Government jetty in the Constituency for the line boats to land passengers and things; if any exist, where is it;

(d) are there public paths leading to the existing jetties put up by private persons?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) About 14 miles.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government any idea to construct public jetties?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, Government think that public jetties for the convenience of boat traffic are essential.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Do the Government intend to construct public jetties?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Bridge in Nedungad.

137. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—(a) Are the Government aware that the people of Nedungad are put to great hardship and inconvenience owing to the absence of a bridge connecting it with the main-land to the west;

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(b) have the Government received representations about the matter from the public of Nedungad; if so, when were such representations received;

(c) have the Government got any estimate prepared for the construction of the bridge and if so, when was it;

(d) have the Government received any representation from the people undertaking to put up the bridge for an amount much less than the Government estimate;

(e) do the Government propose to take any action in the matter of supplying this urgent need?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes, in 1102, 1103, 1104 and 1106.

(c) An estimate is being prepared.

(d) There was a petition suggesting a less costly timber-bridge. But this was found unsuitable.

(e) The matter is under consideration.

Depredation of wild animals.

138. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is a fact that during the months of Medam and Mithunam, cattle in the village of Puthuruthy in the Talappalli Taluk, were molested by the depredations of wild animals, such as tigers or leopards and some cattle killed;

(2) is it true that six or seven persons were injured on the 15th or 16th of Mithunam by a leopard prowling about the village in question;

(3) is there not provision in the Departmental budget (Land Revenue) for meeting the cost of measures to be taken for protection against wild animals;

(4) has any money been spent under this head in the year 1106 and if spent, when and where was it spent, and how was it spent?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) Yes, in Mithunam.

(2) Three people were mauled by a tiger in Kottappuram Village, Talappalli Taluk.

(3) There is provision for payment of reward for the destruction of wild animals.

(4) There is a provision of Rs. 25 in the budget estimate of 1106. This has not yet been utilised as no application for reward has been received.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Was there no depredation in Medam?

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